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C-5 AIRLIFT SUPPORT

FOR USDAO AND SCIOFF:
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1. ONLY DELEGATION MENTIONED IN REFTEL B WILL VISIT
INSTITUTE FOR HIGH TEMPERATURES IN CONNECTION WITH DELIVERY
OF SUPERCONDUCTING MAGNET TO SOVIET U-25 MHD GENERATOR.
DELEGATION WILL CONTACT DAO RE AIRLIFT ARRANGEMENTS FOR
TRANSPORTING MAGNET TO USSR.

2. ERDA HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT THE FOLLOWING IS THE
STATUS OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SHIPMENT OF THE U-25 BY-PASS
MAGNET TO THE USSR (INFORMATION WAS PASSED ON 12/3 FROM
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ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY TO ERDA HEADQUARTERS): SCOTT

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AIR FORCE BASE HAS INFORMED ARGONNE LAB THAT THE USE OF
THE C-5 AIR CRAFT IS FEASIBLE AND TRANSMITTED THIS SAME
MESSAGE TO THE AIR STAFF IN WASHINGTON WITH TWO QUALIFICA-
TIONS:

1). THE LOADS TRANSMITTED TO THE AIR CRAFT MUST BE CHECKED
BY ALC.
2). THE METHOD FOR SECURING THE MAGNET AND THE TRUCK TO
THE AIR CRAFT MUST ALSO BE CHECKED AND THIS WILL BE
DONE BY AFD. AFD (WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE) IS
PLANNING TO SEND PERSONNEL TO ARGONNE TO GET SPECIFIC
INFORMATION ON TRUCK AND MAGNET WEIGHTS AND CONFIGURATIONS.
AFTER CARRYING OUT THESE CHECKS, A FEASIBILITY REPORT
FOR THE TRANSPORT OF THE MAGNET BY THE C-5 AIR CRAFT
WILL BE PREPARED BY ALC AND AFD. THIS IS TO BE COMPLETED
BY DECEMBER 15. BY DECEMBER 20, SCOTT AIR FORCE
BASE WILL COMMUNICATE TO THE AIR STAFF IN WASHINGTON THE
DECISION ON THE FEASIBILITY OF USING THE C-5 AIR CRAFT
FOR TRANSPORTING THE MAGNET.

3. DR. JACKSON OF ERDA ESTIMATES THAT THE MAGNET WILL
NOT BE READY FOR SHIPPING UNTIL APPROXIMATELY APRIL 30.
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